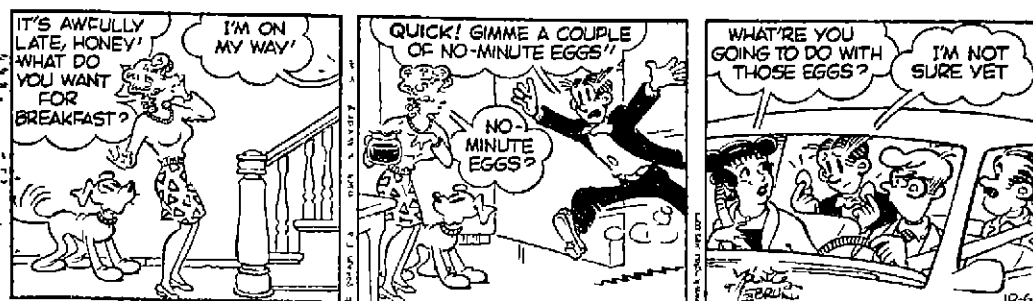


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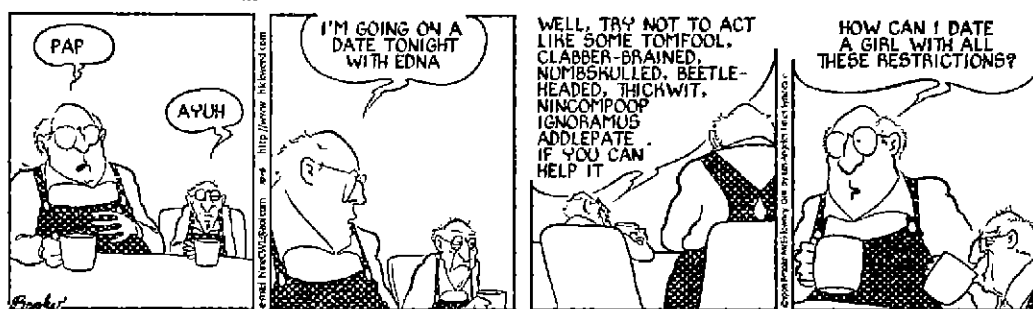
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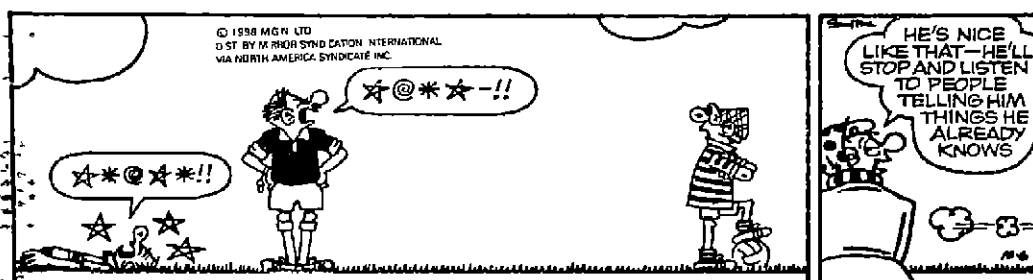
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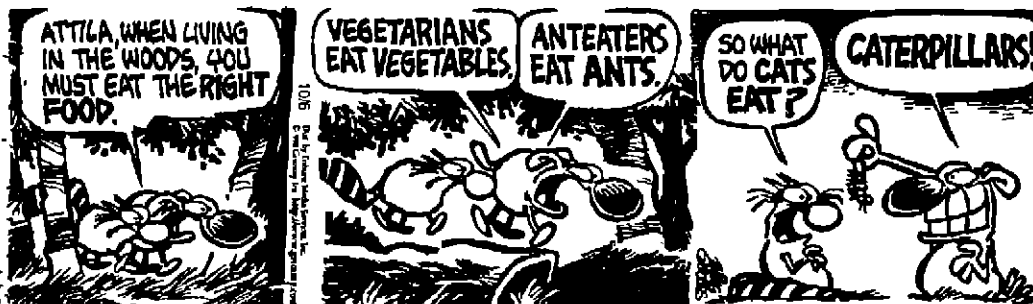
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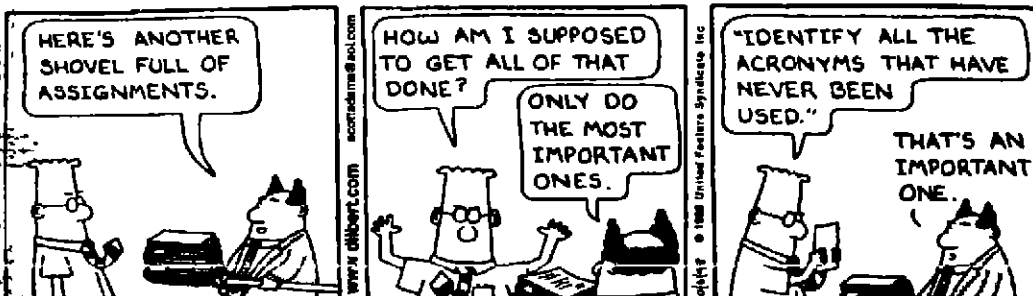
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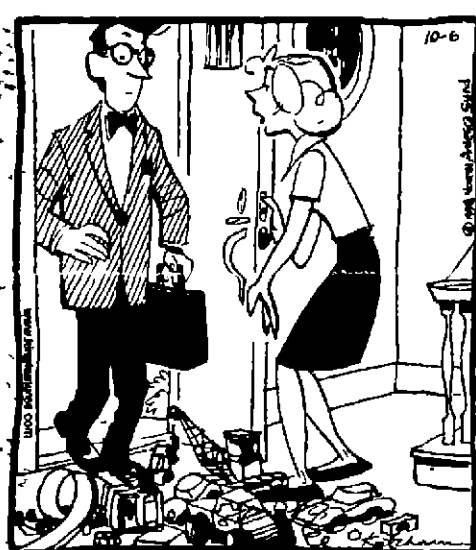
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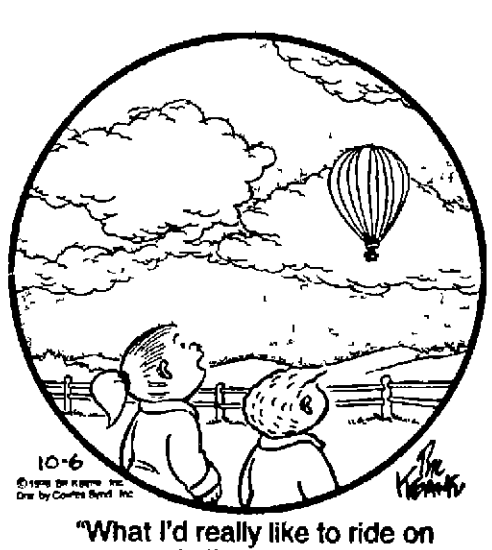
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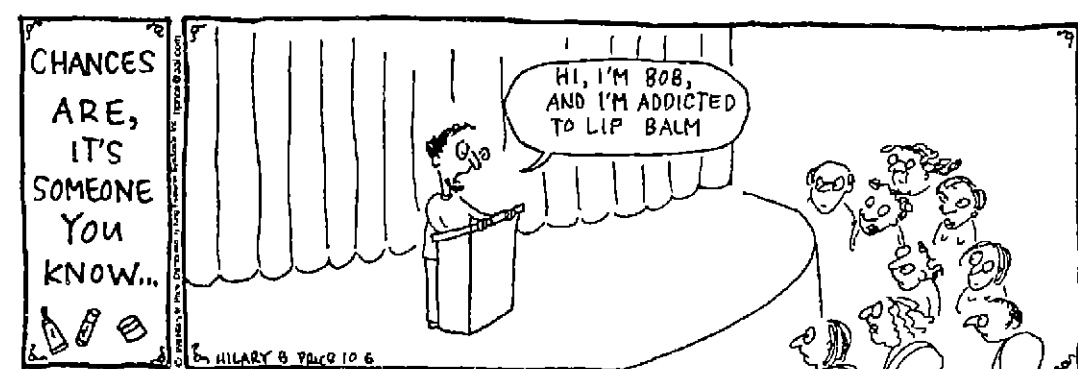
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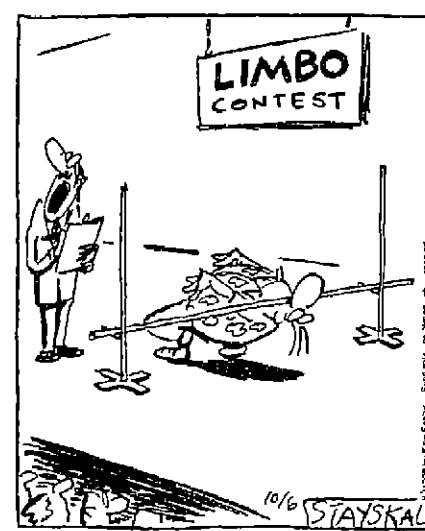
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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



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Today's Birthdays

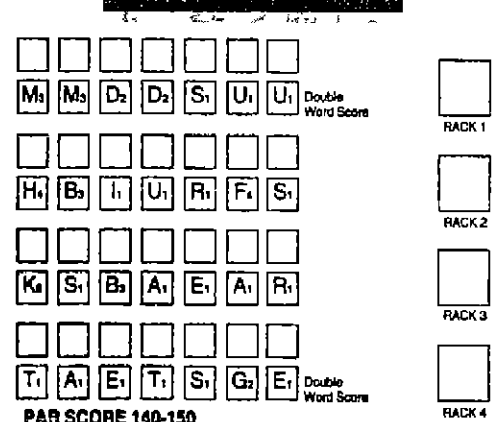
Author-journalist Shana Alexander is 73. The president of Syria Hafez Assad is 68. Actress Britt Ekland is 56. Impressionist Fred Travalena is 56. Singer Millie Small is 52. Singer-musician Thomas McClary is 48. Rock singer Kevin Cronin (REO Speedwagon) is 47. Rock singer-musician David Hidalgo (Los Lobos) is 44. Singer Matthew Sweet is 34.

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PAR SCORE 140-150

by JUDD

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 194-48

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Words ending with "us"

V B X U R O L I E B Y V S Q N
K H E B Y S S S W T R O S L J
G E B Y W U R P N K I U G S
D S U C R I C T B Z S S O U X
V S Q A S P A R A G U S I O M
K C I L G E B C S R S D V S A
Y A E S S A W T U A U E U S
Q C P N U L J I O R G P R P H
F T E N N G C Y C A E N P M Y
X U I V O U O S Q P P N A A M
K S J H B J F B E C B Z Y C X

Monday's unlisted clue TORONTO

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Tuesday's unlisted clue hint DESERT PLANT

Abacus	Bogus	Circus	Previous
Angus	Bonus	Citrus	Radius
Apparatus	Campus	Joyous	Sinus
Asparagus	Celsius	Pegasus	

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Oct. 7, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Monetary and financial goals are coming within reach.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) People will recognize your brilliant renderings, and you will be rewarded.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Spoiling yourself silly will help you to focus and stimulate your creative juices.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Plan an after-work rendezvous with someone whose opinion you value greatly.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Emotions and devotions are being tugged, and you're unsure which way to turn.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) A few flies might be in the ointment for your upcoming travel plans.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Has someone tried to move in on your intellectual property rights? Protect whatever you consider your own.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) An impending gray cloud might cover your plans and expectations, but its effects will soon fade.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Ego clashes and struggles with authority might knock you down a few notches.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) The recognition you've been after will finally come through, particularly in the workplace.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) It's not the best time for major changes, but fix what's broken.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You finally have the attention you've been seeking from everyone around you.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

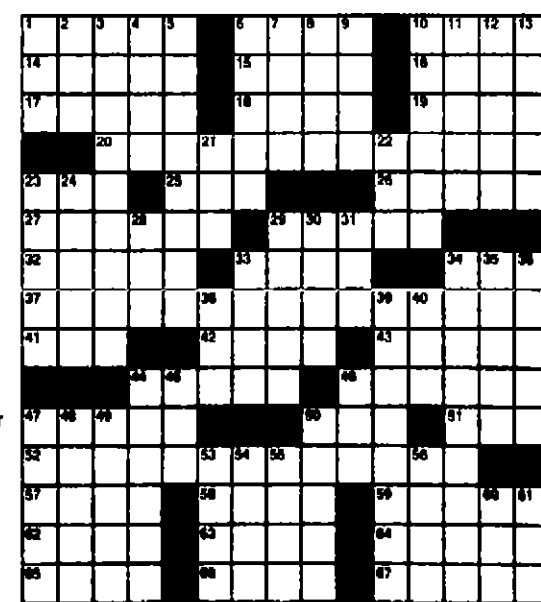
South's pass to six diamonds invited North to do whatever he thought best. So, North leaped all the way to seven hearts. West wisely led a trump, leaving South with the problem of the club finesse. Had West led a diamond instead, South would have discarded a club while dummy ruffed. Later, another club discard on dummy's long spade would cinch his slam. South won the trump lead, cashed two more trumps for exercise, then led a club to dummy's ace. The club jack from dummy came next, but the finesse lost for one down. Before committing in clubs, South should cash all four of dummy's spades. When West discards on the third spade, South knows West has dealt only three major-suit cards. If he has no more than seven diamonds, he must have at least three clubs. South finesses against West for the club queen. West has more clubs than East, making him hold the queen.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0825

ACROSS
1 Web surfer's need
6 Gulf war foe
10 Moola
14 Levi's "Stitched at"
15 In (understated)
16 Tie's place
17 "Eat hearty!"
18 Play opener
19 Puppies' plants
20 Clotheshorses
23 108, to Caesar
25 Bit
26 Booby trap
27 Harsh conditions
28 See 33-Across
29 Earthy hue
30 With 29-Across, "Barbarella" star
34 Na Na
37 Signal receivers
41 Soon-to-be grads' abbr.
42 Noted lithographer
43 Finland, to the Finns
44 Rocky rival Apollo
46 Tar pits locale
47 Put on, as glue
48 Tinker or Evers or Chance
51 C & W channel
52 Common tabloid topics
57 Artificial bait
58 Led Zeppelin's genre
59 Gunned from ear to ear
62 "Right on!"
63 Shot, e.g.
64 Relaxed
65 Sermon passage
66 Suds
67 Colorado ski resort
DOWN
1 Club
2 "Shogun" apparel
3 Sopwith Camel/Fokker clashes
4 Lamb's "Essays of"
5 Old-time trouper
6 "Why? Because — so!"
7 "Little Caesar" role
8 Envelope abbr.
9 Witty remark
10 Neighbor of Sumname
11 Title role for Madonna
12 Shunned one
13 Café au lait holder
21 Ours
22 "Acid"
23 Antivampire and
24 "The _____ of Wakefield"
25 Change from a krona
26 It (doomed)
27 Wicket wad
28 Beauty of "Deliverance"
29 Nonsense talk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
STOMP BIOS SHAM
PAGER REVP MAXI
EXTREMESURES
DIP SAW RNA BBS
PERU HIGH
QUILTYPLEASURES
OMHO ORN GARP
LUC MAMFO ZOO
FRAS AGE MOST
SUNKENTHEASURES
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